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Dear Friends:

This edition of The Pelosi Report focuses primarily on economic policies and initiatives. The economic policies of President Bush and the Republican Majority in Congress are having serious consequences for the American people. House Democrats recently unveiled our 'American Jobs Plan,' which will keep America competitive in a changing global marketplace by creating the jobs of the future, and keeping good-paying jobs here at home. Our plan invests in our people through job training and education. It will create new technologies - and new, high-paying jobs - by supporting research and development.

Our economy is at a crossroads, and as House Democratic Leader, I am working with my colleagues to help working families and put us on the right path to economic prosperity.

I encourage you to review this bulletin and share this timely information with your constituency and other leaders in your community.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Pelosi*

House Democratic Leader

## American Jobs Plan

*"The American Jobs Plan would provide much needed support to the African American community where unemployment remains disproportionately high."*  
- Nancy Pelosi

Increasingly, good-paying American jobs are being shipped overseas - particularly good-paying manufacturing jobs. On June 17, rather than helping our struggling manufacturing base, the Republicans brought to the House Floor and passed a bill that would give U.S. multinational corporations more incentives to ship jobs overseas. The Republican bill adds about \$34 billion to the deficit and includes billions in tax breaks for special interests, while failing to help small businesses or farmers, and replacing tax incentives to export American goods with tax incentives to export American jobs.



Leader Pelosi (D-CA), Rep. Rangel (D-NY) and Rep. Miller (D-CA) unveil the American Jobs Plan.

In sharp contrast, Democrats unveiled a comprehensive "American Jobs Plan," which would keep America competitive in a changing global marketplace by creating the jobs of the future, and keeping good-paying jobs here at home.

This plan would end multi-billion dollar tax breaks and subsidies that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas, and would close loopholes - corporate tax shelters and foreign tax havens - that allow corporations to avoid paying their fair share. The Democratic plan also includes new investments in innovation to create the jobs of the future and new investments in education and job training to ensure that our workers possess the skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly knowledge-based global economy. In the month of May, the African American unemployment rate grew to 9.9 percent. Currently, there are 1.6 million African Americans looking for work.

## Supporting Small Business

Earlier this month, Leader Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), Ranking Democrat on the Small Business Committee, co-hosted a House Democrats' Small Business Forum in Washington, D.C. Nearly 100 small business leaders from across the country attended the forum.



Rep. Hooley (D-OR), Rep. Velázquez (D-NY) and Leader Pelosi participate in the Small Business Forum.

As Leader Pelosi pointed out, in speaking to the forum: "Small businesses account for more than 95 percent of all employers, create half of our gross domestic product, and create three out of four of new jobs nationwide. House Democrats believe that government should help you achieve your goals - not stand in your way. That is why we want to give help to small manufacturers, both through tax relief and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership. We also want to provide a small business health care tax credit, fully fund the Small Business Administration, improve access to 7(a) loans, and open the \$285 billion federal marketplace to small businesses."

Several African American small business owners attended the event.

# Legislative Update

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## ***Voice of the Heartland:***

### **House Democrats Unveil**

#### **Five Priorities for**

#### **Rural America**



Earlier this month, House Democrats' Rural Working Group held a press conference to unveil, "Voice of the Heartland - Five Priorities for Rural America." House Democrats' five top rural priorities are:

- **Standing for common sense spending**
- **Creating jobs and strong trade priorities for rural America**
- **Building roads, airports, information systems and infrastructure**
- **Strengthening education, health care and housing for our families and communities**
- **Defending America and honoring veterans**

During the Press conference, Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Co-Chair of the House Democrats' Rural Working Group stated, "We are working to build better housing and improve our rural schools. These rural priorities are significant as we fight to better the lives of those from the heartland."

Currently, 15 percent of African Americans live in rural areas.



Rep. Thompson (D-CA), Rep. Stenholm (D-TX), Rep. Peterson (D-MN), and Rep. Thompson (D-MS) unveil the priorities for Rural America.

## **A Cry for Sudan**

*This month, Leader Pelosi joined Members of the Congressional Black Caucus in a news conference to urge more action by the Bush Administration and the international community to stop the killing in Sudan. Below are excerpts from her remarks:*

"A genocide in the making demands the immediate attention of our government, the United Nations, and others in the international community. The President, Secretary of State, and Secretary General of the United Nations must exercise their leadership and stop this nightmare from continuing.



Rep. Jackson, Jr. (D-IL), Rep. Cummings (D-MD), Rep. Waters (D-CA), Rep. Lee (D-CA), and Leader Pelosi speak about the Sudan crisis.

"I call upon the President to withhold any normalization of relations with Sudan. We must demand of Khartoum an immediate and verifiable cessation of violence against Darfur, and the disarming of the militias according to the cease-fire agreement they signed.

"The Bush Administration also needs to increase its efforts to generate an international response to the suffering in Darfur. Those responsible for the deaths and destruction need to be held accountable, the flow of relief supplies needs to be expanded, and security needs to be provided for relief workers and their equipment.

"We must act now while there is time to stop further slaughter, or our country will look back on the lives lost in Darfur with the regret and shame that we feel for events in other parts of Africa.

"How many times have we heard the public outcry: 'Why didn't we stop the killings?' This is a crisis. This is an emergency. We must act now to stop the slaughter of thousands of innocent people."



***June is Black Music Month -  
Celebrate the contributions of African  
Americans to American Music!***

